

By 49 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 239), Kathryn Kimball Mizelle, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 238), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Robert E. Primus, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2022.

Michelle A. Schultz, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for the term of five years.

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Lisa S. Kenna, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Thomas Laszlo Vajda, of Arizona, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Union of Burma.

Melanie Harris Higgins, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Jeanne Marie Maloney, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini.

James Broward Story, of South Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

Michael A. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

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5 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard and Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

78 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Navy.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—239)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 8:15 a.m. on Friday, November 20, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7083.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1031, to implement recommendations related to the safety of amphibious passenger vessels, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1166, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to make grants for the establishment or expansion of internet exchange facilities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3730, to amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize and modernize the registered traveler program of the Transportation Security Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3824, to require the Federal Trade Commission to submit a report to Congress on scams targeting seniors;

S. 3969, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reform the Federal Aviation Administration's aircraft certification process, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4472, to amend the Secure and Trusted Communications Network Reimbursement Program to include eligible telecommunications carriers and providers of educational broadband service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4719, to provide, temporarily, authority for the Secretary of Commerce to waive cost sharing requirements for the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership, with an amendment;

S. 4803, to make the 3450–3550 MHz spectrum band available for non-Federal use;

S. 4827, to authorize the Assistant Secretary of Space Commerce to provide space situational awareness data, information, and services to non-United States Government entities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4847, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study and submit to Congress a report on the effects of the COVID–19 pandemic on the travel and tourism industry in the United States;

S. 4884, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to study the effect of the COVID–19 pandemic on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products, with amendments; and

Routine lists in the Coast Guard.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Allison Clements, of Ohio, and Mark C. Christie, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

PUBLIC LANDS, FORESTS, AND MINING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing to examine H.R. 823 and S. 241, bills to provide for the designation of certain wilderness areas, recreation management areas, and conservation areas in the State of Colorado, S. 1695, to amend the Wilderness Act to allow local Federal officials to determine the manner in which non-motorized uses may be permitted in wilderness areas, S. 2804, to promote conservation, improve public land management, and provide for sensible development in Pershing County, Nevada, S. 2875, to amend the Smith River National Recreation Area Act to include certain additions to the Smith River National Recreation Area, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate certain wild rivers in the State of Oregon, S. 3492, to transfer administrative jurisdiction over certain Bureau of Land Management land from the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for use as a national cemetery, S. 4215, to designate and adjust certain lands in the State of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, S. 4569, to modify the boundary of the Sunset Crater Volcano National Monument in the State of Arizona, S. 4599, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 4603, to promote the use of forest restoration residue harvested on National Forest System land for renewable energy, S. 4616, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain National Forest System land to the State of South Dakota, S. 4625, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western United States, S. 4696, to provide for the continuation of higher education through the conveyance to the University of Alaska of certain public land in the State of Alaska, and S. 4889, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to

increase the dividend exclusion, to exclude certain payments to Alaska Native elders for determining eligibility for certain programs, to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under that Act, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain interests in land in the State of Alaska, after receiving testimony from Chris French, Deputy Chief, Forest System, National Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Nedd, Deputy Director, Operations, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Art Babbott, Coconino County, Flagstaff, Arizona; and Susan Jane M. Brown, Western Environmental Law Center, Eugene, Oregon.

MODERNIZING FEDERAL TELEWORK

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine modernizing Federal telework, focusing on moving forward using the lessons learned during the COVID–19 pandemic, after receiving testimony from Michelle B. Rosenberg, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; Keith Washington, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Administration; Sydney T. Rose, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Administration and Management; and Jim Borland, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Systems, and Deputy Chief Information Officer for IT Operations, Social Security Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 790, to clarify certain provisions of Public Law 103–116, the Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina Land Claims Settlement Act of 1993, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3264, to expedite and streamline the deployment of affordable broadband service on Tribal land, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4079, to authorize the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease or transfer certain land, and

S. 4556, to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service, to acquire private land to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet, California.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas L. Kirsch II, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Young and Braun, Charles Edward Atchley, Jr., and Katherine A. Crytzer, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Tennessee, both introduced by Senator Alexander, Joseph Dawson III, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Scott (SC), and Zachary N. Somers, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Shana M. Broussard, of Louisiana, Sean J. Cooksey, of Missouri, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, and Allen Dickerson, of the District of Columbia, each to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 12 public bills, H.R. 8769–8780; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1227 were introduced. **Pages H5931–32**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5932–33**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 631, for the relief of Arpita Kurdekar, Girish Kurdekar, and Vandana Kurdekar (H. Rept. 116–595);

H.R. 4225, for the relief of Maria Isabel Bueso Barrera, Alberto Bueso Mendoza, Karla Maria Barrera De Bueso, and Ana Lucia Bueso Barrera, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–596);

H.R. 7146, for the relief of Victoria Galindo Lopez (H. Rept. 116–597); and

H.R. 7572, for the relief of Median El-Moustrah (H. Rept. 116–598). **Page H5931**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5869**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H5874**

Decorum Statement: The Chair announced that under clause 2 of rule 1, as previously stated on July 29, 2020, the Chair is required to preserve order and decorum in the Chamber. The Chair advised that all Members should leave the Chamber promptly after casting their votes and that Members should avoid congregating in the rooms leading into the Chamber, including the Speaker's Lobby. The Chair issued

a reminder that the current practice of providing small groups of Members with a minimum of 5 minutes within to cast their votes would continue. After voting, Members must clear the Chamber to allow the next group a safe and sufficient opportunity to vote. The Chair stated that it is essential for the health and safety of Members, staff, and the U.S. Capitol Police to consistently practice social distancing, and to ensure that a safe capacity be maintained in the Chamber at all times. The Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce this policy. The Chair stated that the announcement of July 29, 2020, regarding the wearing of masks in the Hall of the House remains in effect. Members and staff will not be permitted to enter the Hall of the House without wearing a mask. Masks will be available at entry points for any Member who forgets to bring one. The Chair also reaffirmed the Chair views the failure to wear a mask as a serious breach of decorum. **Page H5875**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts that undermine Hong Kong's high degree of autonomy: H. Res. 1033, amended, condemning acts by the People's Republic of China and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region that violate fundamental rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents as well as acts